

Household Notes

AUTOMATIC STIRRING.

Most people understand that the placing of a marble in a kettle prevents furring, but few seem to know that a large, clean marble boiled in milk, porridge, custards, sauces or stews will automatically do the stirring as the liquid cooks. Any chance of burning will be prevented and thus the fatigue of constantly stirring and the cook's time can be saved, as by this means the cook can be attending to other things instead of having to give her whole time and attention to one.—Boston Post.

USE FOR STRAWBERRY BASKETS.

Take four quart baskets, cover with a layer of cotton wadding, then shirr pretty cretonne or silk and cover leaving a half-inch ruffle at the top for a heading; sew together, making four compartments, and finish with a ribbon bow on centre. This makes a pretty and convenient work basket, and would also be useful and ornamental, placed on a dressing case, as a receptacle for miscellaneous articles. If a smaller basket is desired, use the pint baskets such as raspberries come in.—Boston Post.

TO WASH BLACK WOOLEN.

Cut 1-2 bar white soap in small pieces; dissolve in 4 quarts of water; when cold add two tablespoons of household ammonia; put in tub with cold water to cover skirt, lifting often and sousing the skirt up and down in the water; leave in the water several hours or all night; drain well and rinse in cold water until all soap has been removed from the garment; do not wring but hang by the waistband on line, just as you lift it from the tub. It will not shrink or fade. You will find it much better than gasoline to remove dirt and grease. I have used this two years.—Boston Post.

THE ATTRACTIVE FIREPLACE.

In many houses, even where the fireplaces are ornamental, and even artistic, we sometimes notice pretty glass screens, some plain and others painted with beautiful flowers or ferns, placed in front, to hide, as it were, something missing. Pretty as these may be, and even expensive, too, they cannot please the eye or add to the comfortable appearance of the room as would a clear fire or a clever arrangement of plants or flowers. There is no warmth of feeling about the screens such as is experienced in the use of fires or flowers, to say nothing of the life and beauty which the latter add to a room.—The Queen.

COLD STORAGE AT HOME.

I have solved one of the most troublesome problems of my life; that is how to keep moths out of furs, woolen garments and blankets, without the expense and disagreeable odor of moth balls, and still more expensive camphor or cedar chests. It is a cold storage system in my own home. Simply this: I got a long dry goods case similar in shape to a chest, lined it carefully with paraffin paper, (don't use oiled paper; it looks similar, as it will soil the garments); the lining will keep any possible dampness out, and thus avoid any fear of mildew.

Now suspend the case by means of strong wires attached to each of the four corners (I used wire that comes around baled hay) to the overhead timbers in the cellar suspending the case about 21-2 feet from the floor and away from any walls or shelves; thus it is not in contact with anything that carries dampness, and

there is no possible chance for rats or mice to run down the wires or jump from the floor or shelves.

Keep the cellar windows open all summer; it keeps the cellar dry, the air fresh, and it is healthier; moths were never known to be in cool cellars; this has proved successful with me; scarcely any expense or labor, and no more moth-eaten and obnoxious smelling garments.—Boston Post.

RECIPES.

Mock Chicken Croquettes.—One cup chopped English walnuts, 1 cup chopped celery, 1 cup toasted bread crumbs. Mix all thoroughly with 2 eggs, add 3 drops of onion juice and a good pinch of summer savory or sage. Salt to taste. Form the croquettes, then roll in dry cream of wheat and fry in deep fat like doughnuts.

Macaroni and Celery Salad.—One pint boiled macaroni, 1 pint celery, 1-2 pint chopped nuts. Cut macaroni and celery into small pieces, mix the two and sprinkle with the nuts and add salad dressing. Serve on crisp lettuce leaves.

Lyonnais Potatoes.—Melt a large tablespoonful butter, add 1-2 a sliced onion; fry a light brown. Remove the onion and add 2 cupfuls cold, boiled potatoes, cut in slices; fry a light brown. Add salt and a little pepper; serve hot.

Olive Sandwiches.—Cream together one tablespoon of butter and one Neufchatel cheese. Chop fine the contents of bottle of stuffed olives. Mix together well and spread on saltine crackers.

Hoarhound Candy.—Three cupfuls sugar. Into it stir one-quarter teaspoonful cream tartar (dry). Take piece of hoarhound about the size of a yeast cake. Pour one cupful boiling water over it and let it steep a few minutes. Pour over the sugar. Boil it steadily until it will form a spiral when dropped in cold water. Be careful not to stir while cooking. Pour into buttered pans and mark in squares.

Rich Ice Cream.—One quart new milk, 1 quart of cream and 1 1-2 cups of sugar and 4 eggs. Let the milk come to a boil and add the eggs and sugar well beaten. When cold add the cream and flavoring and freeze.

Cocoanut Rice Pudding.—One cup of boiled rice, 1 pint warm milk, pinch of salt, 1 cup sugar, 1-2 cup shredded cocoanut; pour the milk over the rice, beat the eggs, add sugar and salt, beat well and mix with the rice and milk, stir in the cocoanut; bake in a moderate oven till firm and creamy.

WORTH QUOTING

A man is willing to have most any kind of disease, admits the New York Press, for an excuse for his family to have to support him.

If all our assassins would only kill themselves after the fact it would be a great thing for society, declares the New York Sun. Self-slaughter is more consistent than the usual frantic effort to escape the penalty with the aid of lawyers and insanity experts.

Farmers, we are told, are at least as contented as city folk. They need no more coddling and looking after than flat-dwellers, to put it very mildly. Why turn the kindly search-light on the cornfields, demands the Richmond Times-Dispatch, and pay no attention to the teeming evils of the tenement?

Declaring that the youth of China, the progressive element, would over-

throw the present dynasty, the Rev. William Christie, a missionary at the Christian and Mission alliance, said that great disturbances were about due in the celestial empire, and also that a war with Japan was in contemplation.

Says the Detroit Free Press: We have denounced the custom that has been degrading our working people and creating privileged classes among the patrons of our barber shops and our Pullman cars and our hotels and a whole growing host of other conveniences. Yet when we have the chance to break the fetters we have foolishly bound about ourselves we laugh and go on tipping.

T. J. Erickson, of Denver, married a Wyoming girl, and they went a-honeymooning into the Montana mountains, taking their rifles along. "Each killed a bear the first day out," says the chronicler, "and on the way back to camp Erickson wounded a female bear which had two cubs. The bear attacked him. He clubbed his rifle and fought hard, but was down and almost out when his wife fired and killed the bear."

President Elliot's story of how well Cambridge, Mass., is getting along without any saloons finds in Harper's Weekly a not wholly convinced listener. "When he speaks of Cambridge as a no-license city of 90,000 inhabitants 'with no alcoholic substitutes' he seems to forget Boston," it says, "for surely Boston is Cambridge's alcoholic substitute and probably one important reason for the exceptional success of its experiment as a no-license city."

The Maine farmer, says President Hyde, of Bowdoin College, has more intelligence than the Swiss peasant, and yet the Swiss county fair is free from swindlers and fakirs even as the Maine county fair is notoriously infested by them. The point of which seems to be that when the Maine farmer goes to a fair he leaves his superior intelligence at home doing the housework.

The world has no room for cowards, said Robert Louis Stevenson. We must all be ready somehow to toil, to suffer, to die. And yours is not the less noble because no drum beats before you when you go out into your daily battlefields, and no crowds shout about your coming when you return from your daily victory or defeat.

The Highest Telephone.

Italy will shortly possess the highest telephone station in the world. Work has been commenced on the new telephone line to the Margherita hut, near the summit of Monte Rosa, 15,217 feet. The new observatory on the Col d'Olen will be first connected with the Lombardy Valley, and then the line will be continued to the summit of Monte Rosa. Queen Margherita of Italy, who contributed largely to the erection of the observatory and hut which bear her name, has been the chief supporter of the Alpine telephone line. Swiss critics, however, state that the innovation will be a failure, as it is impossible to plant posts in glaciers and masses of ice which are ever in a state of slow motion.—Engineer.

After an engagement of nearly thirty years a certain Lynn couple are at last happily married. But it's safe betting, asserts the American Cultivator, that each still has a few little temperamental surprises in store for the other.

While workmen were sawing through a block of Bath stone at Exeter they cut into a cavity in which was found a cluster of two or three dozen live bees.

Bavaria's chief manufacturing center is Nuremberg which, with the adjoining city of Furth, now has a population of nearly 400,000.

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